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In re Patent Application of:
Takahisa Yamaha

Application No.: 09/518,709

Art Unit: 2815

Filed: March 3, 2000

Examiner: E. Ortiz

For: MANUFACTURE METHOD FOR
SEMICONDUCTOR WITH SMALL
VARIATION IN MOS THRESHOLD
VOLTAGE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2003 (Paper No. 18), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	18	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	0
Independent	4	- 3* =	0	x \$86.00	\$86.00
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TOTAL					\$86.00

*not less than 20

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